



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, June 5, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Ralph Godbee
AC Robert Dunlap
DC Jamie Field
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Lt. Don Hudson
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Robbin Kirkwood-Farrar
Sgt. Rodney Cox
Sgt. Ingrid Smiley
Sgt. Rodger Johnson
Sgt. Deshaune Sims
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Stephanie Shackelford
Sgt. Debra Lynn Jones
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Viera Brownlee
PO Shelly Holdebaum
PO James Watson
Director Deborah Robinson
Atty. Letitia Jones

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (**ABS**)
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Atty. Donald Stolberg
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin
Edward Moore
Kristine Davis

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:21 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, June 5, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, May 30, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

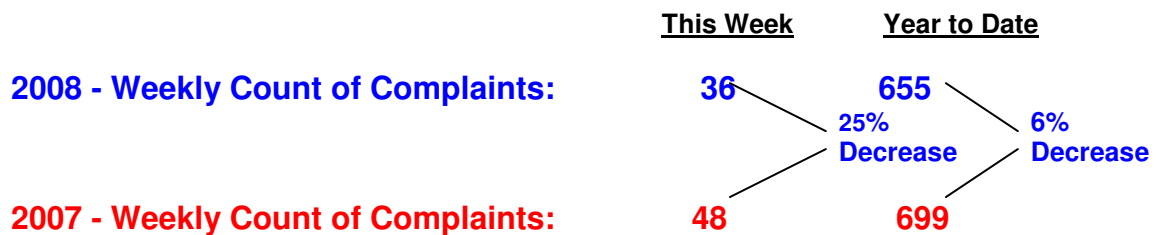
4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY REPORT

The office hours of the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) on Friday, June 6, 2008, will be 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, due to the Detroit Red Wing's Parade.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,200 active investigations, of which 548 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 06/05/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL		1				1				2
2	COMMUNICATIONS									2	2
7	EASTERN		7				2			1	10
1	GAMING		1								1
2	NARCOTICS		2				2		1		5
2	NORTHEASTERN		2							1	3
2	NORTHWESTERN									2	2
1	SOUTHWESTERN									1	1
2	TACTICAL SERVICES		2				2		1	1	6
1	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT						1				1
10	Unknown Command		5	1		2	2		1	3	14
5	WESTERN		2	1		1	4				8
36			22	2		3	14		3	11	55

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Homicide

On May 20th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to a “Shooting” that occurred in the 7000 block of Wykes and arrested a subject. Due to the diligent investigative efforts by members of Homicide, on June 1st the subject was charged with “1st Degree Premeditated Murder,” “Felony Murder,” “Felony Firearms,” and three (3) counts of “Assault with Intent to Murder.”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, June 12, 2008

@ 6:30 P.M.

LA SED

7150 W. Vernor

Detroit, Michigan 48209

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ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

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Northeastern District

On May 26th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 10000 block of Knodell on "Subjects Shooting Citizens with a Pellet Gun." Armed with descriptions of the individuals responsible for the shootings, the officers located the vehicle and subjects involved in the area of E. Harper and Seneca. Four subjects were arrested and each subject was charged with *three (3) counts of "Felony Assault."* A weapon was confiscated.



Northwestern District

On May 28th, officers of the Northwestern District investigated a business in 6000 block of Plymouth that appeared to have been broken into. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and a juvenile was detained. The subject was charged with "*Breaking & Entering Business,*" and "*Possession of Burglary Tools.*" A "*Not in Custody*" petition was submitted to Wayne County Probate Court for the juvenile.



Western District

On May 27th, officers of the Western District responded to the 6000 block of Begole on a "Breaking & Entering of a School." Subsequent to their investigation, officers arrested two subjects who were later charged with "*Breaking & Entering,*" "*Receiving & Concealing over \$1000,*" and "*Larceny from a Building.*" Burglary tools and copper wire were confiscated.



Eastern District

On May 30th, officers of the Eastern District responded to 18000 block of Chalmers on a "Breaking & Entering of a Business." Once at the location, the officers observed items being thrown from the business and a subject placing those items inside of a vehicle. Four subjects were immediately arrested and subsequently charged with "*Breaking & Entering Business,*" and "*Larceny from a Building.*" One of the subjects was charged as a "*Habitual Offender.*"

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that all of the Districts would have one-on-one sessions this Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The department is part of the Fugitive Initiative Program at Rev. Van's church. It is an opportunity for those who have non-violent crimes to have their matters adjudicated or have reduced fines and penalties.

She introduced 2nd DC Fields of the Risk Management Bureau.

DC Fields introduced Cmdr. Wilson-Turner of Disciplinary Administration.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner introduced her staff from Disciplinary Administration.

Cmdr. Romeo introduced his staff from the Office of Civil Rights.

DC Fields gave a brief overview of the primary functions of the Risk Management Bureau. He introduced Sgt. Sims who gave an overview of the Management Awareness System (MAS), which tracks the early interventions for police officers.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Chairperson Ramirez asked would the OCI be included in the training.

Sgt. Sims stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez asked on what date would the OCI be trained.

Sgt. Sims stated she is in the process of setting up a training schedule.

Chairperson Ramirez asked to know how often supervisors monitor the system.

Sgt. Sims stated they would be required to do a monthly report on the officers that are in the intervention phase. Risk Management will do a quarterly report that is sent to the Chief.

Comm. Hampton asked how personnel members who are on leave would be trained.

Sgt. Sims stated they would send out information to them to set up a training date.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what's K-9 deployment.

DC Fields stated under the Consent Decree, they have to track every time they take the leash off of the dogs.

Instead of sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a monitoring system, like L.A., the Department of Justice (DOJ) has allowed them to do it in house.

Comm. Holley asked are they satisfied with the department's system.

DC Fields stated yes.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

Atty. Hooks stated in the matter of Disciplinary Appeal **BPC 08-001D, Police Officer Jitu Green**, badge 4382, the Detroit Police Officers' Association (DPOA) Attorney John Goldpaugh represents the petitioner, and has submitted a letter requesting to withdraw oral arguments in this matter. Officer Jitu was found guilty at the Trial Board of the charge of conviction in criminal court; he was convicted of a felony. In the absence of oral arguments, the Board will base its decision on the record.

Atty. Hooks stated in the matter of Disciplinary Appeal **BPC 07-004D, Police Officer Melanie Armstrong**, badge 326, DPOA Attorney Donald Stolberg represented the petitioner; Attorney Letitia Jones, City Law Department, represented the Department.

Comm. Hampton stated that this matter will go back to the Disciplinary Appeals Subcommittee for advisement.

Atty. Hooks stated the matter of PO Jitu Green would be taken under advisement as well.

Comm. Hampton stated yes.

Atty. Hooks left the board room.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2008 CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED AWARD

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, is currently seeking applications for a FY 2008 Congressionally Mandated Award. Local governments are eligible to apply for funding to improve the capacity of the criminal justice system, to effectively plan, manage and allocate resources and to encourage information sharing to reduce the incidence of crime and drug activity.

Commander Eric Ewing, of Organized Crime, has been provided the application instructions and is currently developing a program that meets the grant guidelines. The Department has been approved to apply for funding in the amount of **\$357,739.00, with no cash match**. If the funds are awarded, it would allow the Department to create a Drug Violence/Enhanced Enforcement Project. The project's mission will be to effectively reduce fatal and non fatal shootings in hot spot areas and monitor criminal drug activity by:

- Increasing deployment of Narcotic Units in the high crime areas through overtime enforcement/blitzes
- Increase the forfeiture of building structures involved in narcotic trafficking through overtime enforcement/blitzes
- Increase forfeiture of vehicles involved in narcotic trafficking through overtime enforcement/blitzes
- Increase firearm confiscations through overtime enforcement/blitzes

In the event that approval is granted to apply and the award is received Commander Eric Ewing, of Organized Crime, would serve as the project director for the duration of the one year grant. **The deadline for the grant application is June 11, 2008.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Ramirez asked do the statistics reflect whether people involved in narcotics stay outside of the city.

Sgt. Roger, Jr. stated they only keep track of the outsiders' cars that are confiscated for purchasing illegal narcotics within city limits.

Chairperson Ramirez stated so there are no statistics.

Sgt. Roger, Jr. stated they can do a search to try and determine how many.

Chairperson Ramirez stated her question was answered and that she was just curious.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated last week a raid was done and a cell phone was recovered. It was called "dial a dope," whereby 7,800 calls were made to that phone during a 10-day period. The majority of the calls came from north of 8 Mile.

Comm. Holley stated the data is important to let everyone know that it is not just a Detroit issue.

Sgt. Roger, Jr. stated they have an Ames Database System with that data. When someone needs that data, such as the media, it can be retrieved.

Comm. Holley stated that he thinks that kind of data is very important.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated she agrees and they will sit down with Cmdr. Ewing regarding the system data.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how many times is a house or building raided before it can be seized.

Sgt. Roger, Jr. stated it can be taken after one raid.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how about vacant dwellings.

Sgt. Roger, Jr. stated that process is at least 90 days because they have to locate the owner of the property.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this year the Wayne County Prosecutor forfeited two homes. There has to be three raids on a home before they start their paperwork. They issue the search warrant, so they know how many times a dwelling has been raided.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that is something that the citizens need to know because they put the blame on the police department.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated they would develop a program on the top 300 narcotic locations. This information will be put on the doorknobs of neighbors.

Comm. Hampton asked is there assistance from the media.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated absolutely not.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Ramirez stated to the other Commissioners that they have the winners from "Name the Newsletter Contest".

L. Griffin stated in May of 2008 the Board sent out information to Detroit High Schools and Detroit City Charter Schools to come up with a name for the Board's newsletter. The two finalists are from Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences High School. They are Jermaine Fields, and his title is "The Commissioner's Corner," and June Morris, and her title is "The Commissioner's Gazette". The 1st place prize will be \$100.00 and the 2nd place prize will be \$50.00.

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to approve the two finalists.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the finalists.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: There were three (3) yeas. Comm. Holley abstained (because of his affiliation with the school.).

Thursday, June 12, 2008, @ 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting
Southwestern District
LA SED
7150 West Vernor Highway
Detroit, MI 48209

Chairperson Ramirez stated the Board will be having their Community Fun Day Picnic June 21, 2008, at Patton Park and thanked Denise Hooks and Leslie Griffin for their hard work.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Moore stated to Comm. Holley that the citizens of this City welcome you back, and Councilman Kenyetta's door is always open.

R. Scott asked what the notification process is to the Board when there is a shooting involving a police officer.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the Board is notified by staff.

R. Scott stated he is looking for a time frame or a process.

Exec Dir Goss stated he is the contact person and once he is notified, he then notifies the Commissioners. He is normally notified with 30 minutes to an hour.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the Consent Decree speaks to the time frame of a critical use of force. It doesn't speak to the notification to this Board as being a protocol of the department.

Comm. Holley stated as Chairperson, he put Director Goss in place to notify him of all shootings involving a police officer.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she moves that the Board of Police Commissioners enter into a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider and discuss bargaining strategies associated with the negotiation of a contract with UAW, Local 306.

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Ramirez stated with the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now convene.

They went into closed session at 4:26 pm.

They returned from closed session at 4:51 pm.

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Ramirez stated in regards to the tentative agreement with UAW Local 306, and the Commissioner's Investigators, they accept this agreement.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to accept the agreement.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb